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2011 TRIBAL CONSULTATION SUMMARY NOTES

- On Thursday, July 28, 2011, First Things First held a Tribal Consultation session on the First Things First roles, goals and proposed indicators in the Arizona Early Childhood System.
- This consultation was held in recognition of the unique government-to-government relationship that exists between Indian Tribes, the Federal Government and State Governments and in accordance with FTF's Tribal Consultation Policy.
- During the consultation, we heard several remarks emphasizing that importance of indicators to measure success. We also heard that the indicators identified included goals and topic areas that were generally in alignment with the efforts of the tribes and Indian nations at the table.
- Although all of the Tribal Leaders spoke to the roles with respect to their specific communities, the discussion presented some common themes around the importance of Supports and Services for families as a theme for programming and measurement.

The following are some specific notes emphasized through dialogue with participating Arizona Tribes:

- There was a recommendation from the Navajo Nation that tribes be consulted on matters related to education standards, curriculum and assessment.
- The Colorado River Indian Tribes made specific reference to the set of indicators related to insurance coverage for children. The recommendation was to include Indian Health Service coverage in this set of indicators to better inform us of the number of Indian children that are eligible and have access to the Indian Health Service.

Note: Six (6) Tribes participated in the consultation session. Participants included: the Hopi Tribe, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Navajo Nation and the Yavapai Apache Nation, no written comments were received.